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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

(Case No. 98,714) In re Application of: David Baunoch, et à

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TO:

Assistant Commissioner of Patents

Washington, D.C. 20231

PETITION FOR A THREE-MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME

Asst. Commissioner of Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Applicant respectfully requests a three-month extension of time to respond to the Office Action mailed June 21, 2000. This response date has been extended to December 21, 2000.

A check in the amount of \$445.00 is enclosed. Please charge any additional fee or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 13-2490.

Respectfully submitted,

Date: December 21, 2000

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